assistance it has been envisaged to set up more DDCs in the identified Districts of the 7 peninsular States including 8 Districts (239 PHCs) in Gujarat. It is proposed to set up one such Centre for one thousand population as against current scheme of setting up one DDC per 2000 population.

(d) The following steps are being taken to contain Malaria under National Malaria Eradication Programme in Gujarat.

Early diagnosis and prompt treatment of malaria cases through Primary Health Care system, Hospitals, Dispensaries, Malaria Clinics etc. and Drug Distribution Centres, Fever Treatment Depots at the village level.

— Vector control through insecticidal spray in rural areas and anti-larval operations in urban areas as per schedule on the basis of technical assessment.

— Intensification of Information, Education and Communication activities and reliance on community participation.

— Observance of anti-Malaria Month in June every year beginning from June, 1997 to create public awareness about prevention and containment of malaria and other vector borne diseases and to propagate the theme "Malaria Control Everyone's Concern" to make it a people's movement in the country.

Further, an enhanced Malaria Control Project with the World Bank support to cover 100 districts in 7 peninsular states as well as 19 towns/cities including Gujarat has been negotiated with the World Bank.

Development of Resistance to Antibiotics

198. SHRI JAYANT KUMAR MALHOUTRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a study conducted at six teaching hospitals in India in cooperation with the Johns Hopkins University in the United States, has found that the antibiotics being used for treatment of respiratory track infections, has developed widespread resistance;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps to review the antibiotics being used in its national programmes;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the .reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) The interim report of the study question indicates large variations in drug resistance between different geographic areas within the country. As the study is yet to be completed, the results cannot be generalised at present, especially for rural or low socio-economic population utilising the Government health facilities.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Quacks working as Doctors

199. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether quacks arc working as doctors all over the country, thus and endangering the lives of unsuspecting public;

(b) if so, whether assistance of the bodies like All India Medical Council or similar bodies for Ayurvdda, Homoeopathy, Unani System, has been taken to identify such quacks;

(c) whether any guidelines have been issued to the state Government's to apprchand such persons and initiate pcncl action; and

(d) if so, what has been the rate of success in eliminating such quacks?